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1. US VIEW CONTAINED REF A CONVEYED BY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR TO DIRECTOR GENERAL KAARLO TEMMES OF CIVIL AVIATION BOARD. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING ABOUT CROWDED SCHEDULE OF US OFFICIALS DURING MAY AND JUNE AND SAID THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD BE COMMENCING FOUR WEEK VACATION SECOND WEEK OF JULY. HE SAID HE STILL THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO GO TO US FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS. HE SUGGESTED AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER AS BESTTIME.

2. HE SUGGESTED SOME TOPICS ON WHICH AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS MIGHT BE USEFUL: NORTH ATLANTIC TRAFFIC, SUCH AS CAPACITY OFFERED BY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS; AND MINIMUM FARES ON CHARTER FLIGHTS. IN SPECIFIC REGARD TO FINLAND-US TRAFFIC, HE SUGGESTED A REVIEW OF SCHEDULED TRAFFIC AND OF CHARTER FLIGHTS. HE SAID HE WAS NOT TRYING TO HURRY EX POST FACTO REVIEW OF DATA ON FINNAIR'S SCHEDULED SERVICE TO NEW YORK SUGGESTED BY US AND ACCEPTED BY FINLAND. HE WAS THINKING MORE OF GENERAL DISCUSSION TO CLARIFY US AND FINNISH POSITIONS.

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3. AS FOR CHARTER FLIGHT TO US, TEMMES SEEMS TO WANT

TO DISCUSS BILATERAL US-FINNISH AGREEMENT ON A (LOW) LEVEL OF SCHEDULED FARES WHICH WOULD CAUSE DIVERSION OF SOME PRESENT CHARTER PASSENGERS TO SCHEDULED FLIGHTS. HE SAID IT DOES NOT MAKE ECONOMIC SENSE TO HAVE SCHEDULED FINNAIR FLIGHTS FLYING FROM FINLAND TO NEW YORK LESS THAN HALF-FULL WHILE CHARTER FLIGHTS OF FINNAIR OR ITS SUBSIDIARY ARE FLYING AT SAME TIME WITH BIG LOADS. HE AGAIN MADE POINT THAT LOW FARES ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS FROM FINLAND TO US WOULD NOT, BECAUSE OF FINLAND'S GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, HAVE EFFECT OF DIVERTING PASSENGER FROM OTHER EUROPEAN OR US AIRLINES TO FINNAIR.

4. TEMMES SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE MORE EXTENSIVE EXPLANATION OF HIS SUGGESTED "AGENDA" IF WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES WOULD FIND IT USEFUL. BECAUSE FINNAIR'S FALL SCHEDULES BECOME EFFECTIVE IN NOVEMBER, A MEETING WITH TEMMES EARLY IN SEPTEMBER WOULD GIVE US A CHANCE TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS ON CAPACITY BEFORE PUBLICATION OF NEW SCHEDULES. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON REACTION TO TEMMES PROPOSAL OF FALL MEETING. AUSTAD

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